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Ande Kolp  
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Re: Email dated July 17, 2019

Dear Ms. Kolp,

In response to your communication dated July 17, 2019. We thank you for your interest and engagement. This is a follow up to Maryland Department of Health (MDH) email dated 8/8/19. Within the letter submitted, please note that some of the content were comments, recommendations, and questions regarding program structure for the DDA's Self-Directed Services Delivery Model and not the actual solicitation. For specific program questions, please contact Natoya Mitchell at [notoya.mitchell@maryland.gov](mailto:notoya.mitchell@maryland.gov).

This solicitation is guided by State of Maryland COMAR Title 21- State Procurement Regulations, 21.05.03. This regulation sets forth general requirements for the review and approval by the Department of Budget and Management of State agency procurements of services.

Timing of your notice has been considered as there were questions relevant to the open solicitation for Solicitation No. MDH/OPASS 20-17751 (Financial Management and Counseling Services). The Arc Maryland suggestions/responses will be posted for all prospective vendors through eMaryland Marketplace Advantage (eMMA) at <https://procurement.maryland.gov> and MDH's website/bid board <https://health.maryland.gov/procumnt/Pages/Procopps.aspx>.

Comments, recommendations and questions regarding systematic and program structure for Self-Directed Services, unrelated to the open solicitation will not be considered. Such content has been shared with the Programs Division at the DDA, for separate follow up.

Again, thank you for contacting the Maryland Department of Health (MDH), Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) and Office of Procurement and Support Services (OPASS).

Sincerely,

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